

House Resolution No. 1442

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such stellar Show-Me State youths as Jacob McLaughlin of Dearborn; and

Whereas, Jacob McLaughlin has attained considerable distinction as a diligent student at North Platte County R-I Junior High School, an educational institution which educates more than one hundred thirty students through the skills, knowledge, and leadership of twenty certificated staffers; and

Whereas, Jacob McLaughlin recently enhanced his outstanding record of accomplishments when he took the top place in the Patriot's Pen essay contest held by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4055; and

Whereas, the Patriot's Pen youth essay writing contest is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades six, seven, and eight the opportunity to write a 300-400 word theme-based essay expressing their views on democracy; and

Whereas, the 2003-2004 theme for the nine-year-old Patriot's Pen essay contest was "My Dream for America"; and

Whereas, in his role as Post 4055 winner, Jacob McLaughlin could go on to compete at the District, State, and National levels of competition; and

Whereas, more than 116,000 students participated in the 2003-2004 Patriot's Pen event which attracted entries from all fifty VFW State Departments and the organization's Pacific, Europe, and Latin America/Caribbean Departments; and

Whereas, finalists at the State and National level of Patriot's Pen competition receive college scholarships which range in value from \$1,000 to \$10,000:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the impressive achievements associated thus far with the hard work, determination, thoughtfulness, and dedication of Jacob McLaughlin and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for winning the Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4055 and our best wishes for many more successes to come in life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Jacob McLaughlin of Dearborn, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason Brown
District No. 30

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1442, adopted April 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker